



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending May 1, 2011

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.0
Soil moisture supplies: 11% very short, 36% short, 42% adequate and 11% surplus

Field Crops Report
Rainfall early in the week helped to alleviate exceptionally dry conditions in some areas, bringing relief to all crops. Much needed soil moisture allowed more cotton, sorghum and soybeans to be planted. Rice producers applied herbicides and fertilizers. Some young rice was damaged by windy weather. Winter Wheat was 100% headed, with 69% in good to excellent condition. Sugarcane farmers completed fertilization of the crop.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect and scab control. Vegetable producers were working and fertilizing their crops. Crawfish producers drained low to marginal producing fields in preparation for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pasture conditions showed improvement due to the recent rain. Hay producers cut ryegrass for hay. Cattle producers continued working cattle.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	98	96	97	94
Cotton	Planted	64	33	46	48
Hay	First Cutting	33	27	28	24
Rice	Planted	94	92	92	88
	Emerged	81	71	78	74
Sorghum	Planted	98	94	85	76
	Emerged	94	85	49	48
Soybeans	Planted	55	43	39	44
Winter Wheat	Headed	100	99	95	99
	Turning Color	75	46	8	47

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	18	69	12
Sorghum	0	0	26	56	18
Rice	1	2	27	59	11
Sugarcane	4	15	32	35	14
Winter Wheat	0	6	25	66	3
Livestock	2	8	35	52	3
Vegetables	3	9	37	49	2
Pasture	2	16	46	35	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/25/11 TO 05/01/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	90	48	72	68	2.94	4.25	11.58	18.42
Minden	88	46	70	67	3.06	5.12	13.65	20.31
Mooringsport	87	48	70	MM	2.52	4.43	13.40	16.65
Shreveport South	90	47	71	MM	3.33	4.63	12.76	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	46	71	68	2.96	4.61	13.21	18.77
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	87	46	70	67	5.65	8.76	16.79	21.23
Homer/Hill Farm	87	42	68	66	2.40	5.36	14.84	20.46
ULM-Monroe	88	50	72	68	4.73	8.60	19.77	22.59
Extreme/Average	88	42	72	68	4.73	8.60	MM.MM	21.38
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	88	51	70	67	1.77	9.17	22.38	23.67
LSU-St Joseph	90	43	70	69	2.00	3.03	21.59	23.18
LSU-Winnsboro	87	49	71	68	1.81	4.60	21.93	22.56
Tallulah	86	51	72	67	2.63	7.01	23.64	23.09
Extreme/Average	90	43	71	68	2.05	5.60	21.99	23.05
4. West-Central								
Leesville	89	(41)	71	68	0.71	1.76	11.97	20.23
LSU-Rosepine	90	44	71	68	1.62	2.24	9.75	19.95
Ashland	88	41	71	66	2.12	2.27	12.22	20.40
Hodges Gardens	88	47	71	MM	0.30	1.01	11.11	20.04
Extreme/Average	90	41	71	68	1.19	1.82	12.10	20.07
5. Central								
Alexandria	(92)	50	72	69	0.20	1.13	12.53	21.83
Bunkie	91	50	71	69	0.60	1.24	12.07	22.88
LSU-Alexandria	92	48	72	69	0.28	1.55	12.82	20.80
Extreme/Average	92	48	72	70	0.36	1.31	12.47	21.90
6. East-Central								
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	48	72	70	0.75	2.08	8.74	21.34
LSU-Hammond	86	44	71	69	0.27	0.85	15.32	23.58
Slidell	83	49	72	70	0.01	0.56	10.09	22.33
Extreme/Average	86	44	72	70	0.34	1.16	12.71	23.42
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	91	49	73	69	2.01	2.49	13.30	20.48
Jennings	91	51	74	70	1.32	1.52	12.77	18.56
LSU-Crowley	89	52	72	71	3.19	3.35	12.57	19.34
Oberlin Fire Tow	92	48	72	71	1.29	2.00	11.10	21.77
Extreme/Average	92	48	73	71	1.54	2.00	11.94	18.80
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	49	71	70	0.12	0.91	11.75	20.97
LSU-Jeanerette	88	51	72	70	0.34	0.47	8.01	18.74
Morgan City	86	54	72	70	0.04	0.14	7.23	19.28
Lafayette	88	54	74	71	2.42	2.65	13.27	20.37
Extreme/Average	88	49	72	71	0.86	1.23	10.75	19.65
9. Southeast								
LSU Coastal Area	84	63	74	72	0.18	0.50	10.49	20.01
Galliano	84	55	74	71	0.00	0.40	14.57	20.57
Houma	86	48	73	71	0.00	0.38	5.90	19.60
NO Audubon Park	86	58	75	72	0.00	0.13	7.62	20.61
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	70	MM.MM	MM.MM	0.00	22.75
Extreme/Average	86	48	75	71	0.00	0.27	MM.MM	21.10
State Averages	92	41	72	69	1.51	2.88	13.43	20.85

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 1, 2011

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